

**CITY OF DEXTER
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee was called to order at 7:03pm at 3515 Broad St. and via the Zoom online meeting platform.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present In-Person:

Arbour - Present
Babcock – Present
Bellas – Present
Briggs – Present
Davis –Present
Giltner – Present
Hill – Present
Willoughby - Present

Committee Members Present Remotely:

Committee Members Absent: Adair, Fisher

Student Reps Present In-Person:

Student Representatives Absent: Koch, Marsh

Others Present: Breyer, City Manager and City Clerk

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Arbour; Second by Hill to approve the minutes from October 6, 2021 as presented:

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Hill; Second by Briggs to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None

REPORTS

A. CHAIR

Chair Bellas requested that a list be shared with all members containing their contact e-mail and phone number. He started a discussion on holding a committee holiday get together.

B. STAFF REPORT

Staff reported on the following items:

- Status of the Assistant to the City Manager position
- Conflict of Interest Ordinance

The Commission discussed the state of the downtown on-street barricades.

C. CITY COUNCIL

None

D. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

None

E. PROJECT UPDATES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Committee expressed Add project list on a monthly basis to the agenda packet. Phil Arbour indicated that he is working on reviewing the website for updates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL EVENT – WE LOVE DEXTER

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the proposed We Love Dexter Event:

- Reviewed the proposed event flyer, including font, style, and language
- Submission date
- Keep video submission option, the Beer Grotto and Library have options for presenting video
- Start reaching out to businesses about whether they will allow us to place the images.
- Have submissions due to the City Office by 5pm on Tuesday, February 1st
- 11” x 14” size limitation
- The Committee can create hearts with “We Love Dexter” in case we do not get any submissions
- Update the student representatives
- Put the flyers up February 11th, take down February 28th
- Volunteers
 - Bev Hill to go to stores
 - Abby Briggs to talk to the Sun Times
 - Need someone to make hearts

B. DISCUSSION OF: POSSIBLE INDOOR STORYTELLING EVENT

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to a possible indoor storytelling event:

- Challenges with finding space during the winter
- Look to hold the event next year

C. DISCUSSION OF: BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE AND ACH PROJECT(S)

Cheryl Willoughby provided an update to the Committee about the Bicentennial Committee's last meeting. The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the Bicentennial Celebration and ACH Project(s):

- Discussion of the role of Bicentennial Group
 - The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee would take-on marketing for the Bicentennial
 - Bicentennial group makes recommendations to Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee, then ACH makes recommendations to City Council
- Ms. Willoughby indicated that she has attempted to connect with Dan Cooney regarding the Katherine Dexter-McCormick play. Some local theatre groups do playwright festivals.
- Possible Bicentennial projects
 - City light pole banner
 - Geocache – historical sites with collectable coin
 - Michigan Heritage Home Plaques
 - Time capsule at Historical Society
 - Cemetery Tour - Involving some of the descendants from people buried in the Cemetery
 - Committee to look closer at the list and try to limit the list down to a few
 - Lions to sponsor a scholarship for an Official Dexter Song contest
 - Steam engine train ride from Dexter to Ann Arbor and back
 - Sewing bee – Senior Center may be interested

D. DISCUSSION OF: REBRANDING “SLAMS & S'MORES”

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to rebranding “Slams & S'mores”:

- Event title should be S'mores and More

E. DISCUSSION OF: MICHIGAN HERITAGE HOME PLAQUES

Bev Hill provided information about the Michigan Heritage Home Plaques program. The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related the Michigan Heritage Home Plaques program:

- Historical Society in a position to be able to help people
- Could encourage individual homeowners to pursue the designation
- Historical Walking Tour

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None

ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Reminder in an upcoming Newsletter about the Paint Dexter paintings sale
- Holiday get together
- Review Bicentennial items

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Willoughby; Second by Arbour to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
City Manager and City Clerk